

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 23, 2018, I am not recorded on one vote because I was unavoidably detained due to weather impacting my commercial flight.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on Roll Call 336.

**AGOA AND THE IMPORTANCE OF
SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL
TRADE RELATIONS WITH AFRICA**

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, last week, I had the privilege of attending the annual forum on the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), where we focused on forging new strategies for U.S.-Africa trade and investment. It was an honor meeting with African leaders to continue the discussion on how we can continue to develop trade between the United States and sub-Saharan Africa.

I want to thank all of the Members of Congress who have worked together to support and maintain the African Growth and Opportunity Act. Since the legislation's passage in 2000, the strong bipartisan support that AGOA has received is proof of our nation's commitment to expanding global markets for U.S. goods and services. It shows that at our core, despite President Trump's protectionist views on trade and recent attacks on our allies, we as Americans value any opportunity to strengthen international relations and develop strong democracies.

Trade with Africa has greatly benefited the United States and Africa. By allowing duty-free access to the U.S. market for exports from 40 sub-Saharan countries, AGOA offers African countries tangible incentives to continue their efforts in opening their economies, while also reinforcing internationally recognized human rights. While exporting \$13.8 billion in goods to the United States under the act in 2017, AGOA nations also continued to make efforts to enact policies that observe the rule of law, political pluralism, and the right to due process, fighting poverty and corruption along the way. As a member of the Ways and Means committee, and as a representative of the state of Alabama, whose economy is highly dependent on trade, I will continue to be supportive of AGOA because it promotes investment and strengthens our global economy.

I applaud both American and African government officials, the private sector, and the people of the AGOA nations for working so hard to maximize the benefits of AGOA. I encourage us to continue working together to enhance our commitment to Africa.

**RECOGNIZING OSS VETERAN
HOWARD POLLARI**

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Howard Pollari, a World War II veteran of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), and a resident of Illinois's Tenth District.

The OSS was a wartime intelligence agency, and precursor to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), that played an integral part in our military and intelligence operations during World War II. Members of the service trained, supplied, and fought alongside resistance organizations throughout Europe and Asia as they battled against the Axis Powers.

For two and a half years, Mr. Pollari committed his life to the service of our country. Beginning in 1944, he participated in five "Carpetbagger" operations as part of the 857th Bomb Squadron of the OSS delivering much-needed supplies to resistance fighters and allies in Nazi-occupied Norway. These dangerous stealth missions were typically flown on moonlit nights and at low level to avoid enemy detection.

Mr. Pollari's role as a flight engineer was vital to the success and survival of these missions, as he was responsible for making in-flight repairs to the B-24 aircrafts during the airdrop missions.

Mr. Pollari was one of more than 13,000 individuals employed by the OSS at the war's peak. Today, fewer than 100 former OSS members remain alive, and for too long their service and sacrifice was not properly recognized.

Earlier this year, Congress awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor, to those who served in the OSS in recognition of their heroic and pioneering service to our country.

It is my great honor and privilege to recognize Howard Pollari on behalf of a grateful nation for his service to our country and allies during World War II. I look forward to presenting him and his family with a copy of the Congressional Gold Medal in person this August.

**TRIBUTE TO MALL CHANEY ON
HER 75TH BIRTHDAY**

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a person of great merit on the occasion of her 75th birthday. It is often stated that the United States is great because it is a nation of immigrants. Mr. Speaker, I would agree with this statement with the addition of the word legal in front of immigrants. Mall Chaney is an example of such a person who worked within the law to become a citizen of the United States. I understand that it is not an easy task.

Mall was born in Estonia in 1943 in the middle of World War II. At that time Estonia was in peril at the hands of Russia as well as Ger-

many. However, it was her parents' concern about Russia that caused them to flee. Russia had seized her mother's brother and sent him to Siberia never to be heard from again. As a professional chemist, Mall's father feared being pressed into Russia's weapons development program or much worse.

When Mall was about six months old the family consisting of her mother, father, and sister fled under cover of night with basically nothing but the clothes on their backs. The family spent several years in a Swedish refugee camp and then in the general population of Sweden. In 1951 Mall and her family were sponsored by a family friend from Canada and were able to migrate to Canada.

Mall lived in Canada until she married John Chaney, a resident of Florida, in 1982. Mall became a U.S. citizen and has paid homage to the United States by respecting our laws, becoming a respected and loved member of the community, the state of Florida, and the country.

Happy Birthday Mall, and best wishes.

SUMMER INTERN ELIJAH ALLISON**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elijah Allison for his hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Fourth District as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office for the summer of 2018.

The work of this young man has been exemplary, and I know he has a bright future. He served as a tour guide, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity, and look forward to seeing him build his career in public service.

Elijah plans to continue working in public service after this internship. I wish him the best as he pursues his career path. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Elijah Allison for his service the last several months to the people of Colorado's 4th District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes 366 and 367 on Monday, July 23, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea."

**JOBS AND INVESTOR CONFIDENCE
ACT OF 2018**

SPEECH OF

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, S. 488 would not have been possible